(d) to (f). Reports have appeared in the newspapers regarding an announcement in reduction of the Cellular Mobile Telephone Service rates by one company which has been licensed to operate the Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in three Territorial Telecom Circles. The details of the reported announcement are being sought from the company.

STATEMENT

Ceiling Tariffs for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service:

1. Monthly Rental for the Service — Rs. 156/-per month
2. Security Deposit — Rs. 3000/-
3. Installation Charges — Rs. 1200/-
4. *Call Charges :*

4.1 *For calls originated by the Mobile Subscriber :* Air time charge @ 10 seconds per unit call plus call charges as applicable for the fixed network for Local, STD and ISD calls. For mobile to mobile calls within the same Cellular Service area, only air time charges will be levied.

4.2 *For calls terminating on the Mobile Subscriber :* Air time charge @ 10 seconds per unit call will be levied. No charge will be levied to the mobile subscriber if the mobile subscriber terminates an incoming call within 5 seconds.

5. *Notes on tariff :*

5.1 Call duration will be on air time basis for mobile subscribers.

5.2 The air time unit call shall be charged at unit rate applicable to the highest slab of the DOT's fixed net work (Rs. 1.40 per unit at present). The unit rate shall be applied as above for all calls and there are no telescopic rates.

5.3 Call charges for the air time during peak hours shall be fixed at rates not exceeding double the rates prescribed in para 4 above. Peak hours shall be restricted upto a maximum of 4 hours per day. Peak hours and air time call charges during peak hours may be fixed by the Licensee in consultation with Telecom Authority.

5.4 Call charges for the air time during Sundays and 3 National holidays (15th August, 26 January & 2nd October) shall be half the rates prescribed in para 4 above.

5.5 For calls from mobile subscriber to the fixed net work, the Licensee shall charge the mobile subscriber at the rates perscribed by the Telecom Authority according to time and day of the call. Unit rate for such calls shall be the highest slab rate of the DOT's fixed network (Rs. 1.40 at present). The unit rate shall be applied as above for all calls and there are no Telescopic rates.

5.6 There are no free calls to be given in the air time.

5.7 For calls originating from the fixed network to mobile, the mobile subscriber will be charged for the air time and DOT will not have to pay any access fee to the Cellular Operator. The air time charges will be collected by the Cellular Operator.

5.8 For mobile to mobile both caller and called party will be charged.

6. All tariff increase shall be subject to prior approval of the Telecom Authority and/or its successor.

7. The rental does not include the cost of the Subscriber's terminal equipment (mobile handset). The subscriber is free to buy the terminal equipment from any source

Cases against Chairman, VSNL

3369. SHRI BACHI SIGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of cases filed in the Court of Law by the SC/ST Employees Association and SC/ST employees of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) and their wards against the Chairman, VSNL under SCs/STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 during the last three years;

(b) the circumstances which compelled them to file such cases to seek justice through court of law; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the Chairman, VSNL in view of the ongoing court cases and large scale harassment to SC/ST employees by the Chairman after filing such cases?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are no cases filed by SC/ST Employees Association and SC/ST employees of VSNL and their wards against the Chairman, VSNL under SCs/STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 during the last three years.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Vacant Posts

3370. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some reserved categories posts of foremen etc. in Air-conditioning and Refrigeration section under Airports Authority of India (IAD) at Indira Gandhi International Airport are lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of departmental eligible candidates are available for filling up these vacancies;

(d) if so, the reasons for not filling up these vacancies; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to fill up the above vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Only one post of foreman reserved for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidate interchangeable with Scheduled Castes (SC) is lying vacant in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration section at Indira Gandhi International Airport.

(c) No, Sir. Only one departmental SC candidate applied in response to the advertisement.

(d) and (e). Efforts made in the past have not been successful in locating a suitable ST candidate for filling the post. There is a proposal to conduct the selection in September/October, 1996 where departmental as well as outside candidates belonging to scheduled castes community will be considered to fill up the post of Foreman (ACR).

[Translation]

Development of tourist spots

3371. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of tourist places have been developed with the financial assistance of Union Government in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details and the locations thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated/proposed by the Union Government for the development of hot-water springs, forests, mountains and Vaidyanath Dham as tourist places in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) Development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Governments. However, the Department of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for construction of infrastructural facilities such as Tourist Complexes, Tourist Bungalows, Wayside Amenities, Yatri Niwases/Yatrikas, Tourist Reception Centres, Tented Accommodation, Adventure Sports and for publicity and promotion and Fairs and Festivals. The details of financial assistance provided to the State/Union Territory Governments during the last three years is given in Statement.

(c) and (d). The details of financial assistance extended for projects at hot water springs, forests, mountains & Vaidya Nath Dham are given below:

S. No.	Name of Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Cafateria at Netra Hat	6.64 lakhs
2.	Public Conveniences Rajgir	2.87 lakhs
3.	Tourist Complex at Mungher	16.88 lakhs
4.	Public Conveniences at Deogarh	2.57 lakhs
5.	Public Conveniences at Baisukhinath	2.57 lakhs
6.	Chota Nagpur Mela	2.60 lakhs
7.	Purchase of Trekking Equipments	2.48 lakhs
8.	Yatrika at Deogarh	21.93 lakhs
9.	Cafateria Jhumari Talaiya	9.75 lakhs
10.	Tourist Complex at Deogarh	27.00 lakhs
11.	Tourist Complex at Hazaribagh	16.86 lakhs
12.	Tented Accommodation	10.86 lakhs
13.	Tourist Complex Maiton	16.88 lakhs
14.	Wayside facilities at Masanjore	8.48 lakhs
15.	Toilet & drinking water at Rajgir	1.50 lakhs